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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION LUNCHEON FOR EPA ADMINISTRATOR RUSSELL
TRAIN

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B) EC BRUSSELS 8272

1. EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SCARASCIA- MUGNOZZA HOSTED A LUNCHEON FOR EPA ADMINISTRATOR RUSSELL TRAIN AT THE COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS ON OCT. 13. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM TRAIN, COMMISSION DIRECTOR FOR THE ENVIRONMENT CARPENTIER SAID THAT THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET THE MEMBER STATES TO RATIFY THE INTERNATIONAL TREATY ON THE CONTROL OF TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES CARPENTIER SAID THAT THE COMMISSION WAS ATTEMPTING TO HAVE THE MEMBER STATES RATIFY THE TREATY AS A GROUP BY NOVEMBER IF COMMISSION RATIFICATION DOES NOT PROVE POSSIBLE, THE MEMBER STATES WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO RATIFY THE TREATY INDIVIDUALLY, BUT AT AROUND THE SAME TIME.

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2. ZITO OF THE COMMISSION TOLD HARRIS (EPA) THAT IT MIGHT BE PREMATURE TO HOLD THE NEXT US-EC COMMISSION ENVIRONMENT MEETING IN NOVEMBER AS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE JULY CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON (SEE REFTEL B).
THE COMMISSION IS THINKING IN TERMS OF DECEMBER,JUST PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS,OR IN JANUARY.

3. SCARASCIA AND CARPENTIER MENTIONED THAT THEY DO NOT EXPECT TO BE IN WASHINGTON BEFORE MAY, 1976.
THEY ALSOSUGGESTED THAT AT THE NEXT CCMS MEETING, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN BRUSSELS LATE NEXT APRIL, IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOR TRAIN TO VISIT THE COMMISSION FOR A INFORMAL MEETING TRAIN WAS IN AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPOSAL.

4. DURING A DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES, TRAIN TOLD THE COMMISSION OFFICIALS THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO PULLBACK FROM THE US ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM AND THAT US POLICY IS TO SEEK ENERGY AND ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES WHILE MAINTAINING ESSENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

5. THE EC COUNCIL MEETS ON OCTOBER 16 TO DISCUSS ENVORINMENTAL ISSUES, WITH THE UK, INSISTING ON A WATER QUALITY APPROACH TO WATER POLLUTION STANDARDS RATHER THAN TECHNOLOGY-BASED EFFLUENT STANDARS FAVORED BY THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY. EFFLUENT STANDARDS APPROACH IS IN HARMONY WITH THE US SYSTEM.
THE UK POSITION IS SAID TO REFLECT A DESIRE TO RETAIN FULL FLEXIBILITY FOR DISPOSAL OF WASTES IN OFFSHORE WATERS.
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